(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government (in chronological order) to give effects to the proposal to include the above communities as Scheduled Caste as recommended by the State Government of Uttaranchal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) In accordance with Article 341(1) of the Constitution, specification of a community as Scheduled Caste is State/ Union Territory specific and the proposal of a concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration is considered in accordance with approved modalities. Accordingly, the proposal for inclusion of Namasudra, Poundra and Majhi communities in the list of Scheduled Castes recommended by Government of Uttaranchal in their letter dated 01.08.2002, was referred to Registrar General of India for comments on 21.08.2002. Since Registrar General of India in their letter dated 26.12.2003, did not support, the proposal was referred back to the State Government on 30.12.2003.

Inclusion of castes as Scheduled Castes

†2085. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Government have sent recommendation to the Central Government regarding inclusion of some castes such as Mallah (Neshad) Kevat Kahar, Nunia, Tatma, Turaha, Nai, Kharwar Kanu, Bathan, Bherihar in the list of Scheduled Castes few years back;

(b) if so, the Government's approach towards the Bihar Government's recommendations;

(c) whether Central Government are contemplating to give Scheduled Caste status to the above mentioned castes;

(d) if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (e) The Government of Bihar recommended inclusion of Noniya, Nai, and Kanu communities in the list of Scheduled

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Castes of Bihar. The recommendation relating to Noniya community was referred to Registrar General of India for their comments as per approved modalities. Since the Registrar General of India did not support, it has been referred back to the State Government to justify their recommendation. In regard to Nai and Kanu communities, as the State Government had not furnished requisite ethnographic details, it has been requested to provide requisite details..

No time-frame in regard to modification in the list of Scheduled Castes can, however, be assigned as it requires consultation with various agencies and that any amendment can be done only by an Act of Parliament in view of Article 341(2) of the Constitution of India.

Allocation of funds under special component plan

†2086. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government under special component plan, schemes of Central sector and other programmes/schemes for welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to Delhi and other States during the last three years;

(b) whether allocated amount has been fully utilized; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure full utilization of amount allocated for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Funds under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP) (earlier known as Special Component Plan) are allocated by each State Government/UT Administration out of their Annual Plan funds.

The details of funds released under Central sector schemes and other programmes/schemes for welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) to Delhi and other States, during the last three years, are given below:—

Funds released 2003-04 to 2005-06 (Rs. in lakhs)

	Schemes for SC welfare	Schemes for ST welfare
Delhi	964.24	76.00
Other States	280610.43	289236.41

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